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INTEREST

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1. SYNDICATED COLUMNISTS ROWLAND EVANS AND ROBERT NOVAK,
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IN WASHINGTON POST MONDAY, DISCUSSED SECRET PRESIDENTIAL
REVIEW MEMORANDUM 32, WHICH HAS LED TO HIGH-LEVEL JOUSTING
OVER CIVIL DEFENSE. EVANS AND NOVAK SAID PRM 32 ARGUES
THAT "ESSENTIAL EQUIVALENCE" OF STRATEGIC STRENGTH BETWEEN
U.S. AND SOVIET UNION "MUST ALSO INVOLVE EQUIVALENT SUR-
VIVABILITY OF TWO SOCIETIES." SECRET STUDY, ACCORDING TO
THEM, SAYS "CIVILIAN DEFENSE PROGRAM DIRECTED TOWARD GOAL

OF EQUIVALENT SURVIVABILITY IS NECESSARY COROLLARY TO U.S. STRATEGIC FORCES POLICY." EVANS AND NOVAK SAID DEFENSE SECRETARY BROWN HAD BEEN "CONFIRMED SKEPTIC ABOUT CIVIL DEFENSE." COLUMNISTS ADDED, "BUT IN OPPOSING REORGANIZATION, BROWN HAS EMBRACED CIVIL DEFENSE AS NEVER BEFORE.... ADVOCATES OF CIVIL DEFENSE, SUSPICIOUS THAT BROWN WAS CHANGING HIS TUNE MERELY TO KEEP PROGRAM UNDER HIS THUMB, BACKED REORGANIZATION." EVANS AND NOVAK SAID BRZEZINSKI URGED THAT NEW AGENCY'S CHIEF BE GIVEN SEAT ON NSC, ALONGSIDE BROWN, WHEN APPROPRIATE. COLUMNISTS SAID NSC STUDY

IS "PASSIONATELY OPPOSED" BY ACDA DIRECTOR PAUL WARNKE, "WHO CONTENTS THAT CIVIL DEFENSE IS USELESS." THEY SAID ACDA COUNSELOR ADAM YARMOLINSKY "PRIVATELY CONTENTS THAT ADVOCATES OF CIVIL DEFENSE ARE SAYING 'NUCLEAR WAR COULD BE NO WORSE THAN BAD COLD.'" EVANS AND NOVAK QUOTED SENIOR OFFICIAL AS SAYING WARNKE "IS REALLY SCREAMING" AND WILL FILE STRENUOUS DISSENT ON PRM-32. THEY SAID PRESIDENT CARTER NOW HAS NEW AGENCY AND NEW DOCTRINE IN PRM-32, "BUT PROJECTED MAXIMUM OF ONLY \$200 MILLION DOLLARS IN ANNUAL CIVIL DEFENSE SPENDING, COMPARED WITH CUMULATIVE SOVIET EXPENDITURES ESTIMATED AT 65 BILLION DOLLARS." PRM-32 WAS DRAFTED BY NSC STAFFERS, LED BY FORMER HARVARD PROFESSOR SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, EVANS AND NOVAK REPORTED, AS REBUTTAL TO ARMS CONTROL THEOLOGY THAT HOLDS U.S.-SOVIET AGREEMENTS ARE POSSIBLE ONLY IF AMERICAN CITIZENS PERCEIVE UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT CIVIL DEFENSE CANNOT PREVENT MUTUAL DESTRUCTION.

2. PRAVDA'S 5,000 WORD ARTICLE ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S ANNAPOLIS SPEECH RECEIVED WIDE MEDIA COVERAGE. KEVIN KLOSE OF WASHINGTON POST, IN INITIAL COMMENT SATURDAY, SAID "PRAVDA ARTICLE CONSTITUTED AN ELABORATE DEFENSE OF SOVIET POLICIES, AND SENT CLEAR SIGNAL TO CARTER ABOUT FRAGILE STATE OF SOVIET-AMERICAN DETENTE. NOWHERE DID ARTICLE HINT OF ANY MODIFICATION OF SOVIET POLICY IN ANY OF AREAS THAT HAVE SO CONCERNED ADMINISTRATION." PRAVDA, KLOSE SAID, ASSERTED THAT CARTER HAD NOT ADEQUATELY ATTEMPT TO LEAD FIGHT FOR RATIFICATION OF SALT TWO AGREEMENT IN CONGRESS AND TO SHAPE AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION TO ACCEPT GENERAL TERMS OF TREATY. IN NEWS ANALYSIS MONDAY, KLOSE REPORTED THAT "SOME DIPLOMATS HERE HAVE BEEN SAYING FOR SEVERAL WEEKS THAT THEIR JOB, AS THEY SEE IT, IS TO TRY TO 'LIMIT DAMAGE,' AS ONE PUT IT, BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS UNTIL THERE IS PROGRESS IN SOME OF CRUCIAL DISPUTES BETWEEN THEM, SUCH AS SALT OR NEGOTIATIONS NOW UNDER WAY ON COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY. THESE SOURCES SEE HOPE IN FACT THAT SOVIETS HAVE MADE NEW PROPOSALS FOR MORE EQUAL FORCE LEVELS IN EUROPE, WHERE SOVIET FORCES

HEAVILY OUTNUMBER NATO UNITS. THEY ARE WAITING NOW TO SEE WHAT CARTER WILL DO."

3. NEW YORK TIMES PUBLISHED REUTER REPORT FROM HELSINKI ON END OF U.S.-SOVIET PRELIMINARY TALKS ON HUNTER-KILLER SATELLITES. REPORT SAID TWO NATIONS ANNOUNCED THAT THEY HAD DEVELOPED BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S VIEWS AND THAT TALKS WOULD CONTINUE AT AN UNSPECIFIED DATE.

4. RICHARD BURT OF NEW YORK TIMES SAID SENIOR DEFENSE AND FOREIGN POLICY OFFICIALS, CONCERNED ABOUT VULNERABILITY OF LAND-BASED ROCKETS, ARE PRESSING WHITE HOUSE TO INSURE

THAT PROPOSED SALT TWO AGREEMENT WILL NOT RULE OUT NEW UNCLASSIFIED

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PLAN FOR DEPLOYING MOBILE MISSILES IN 1980S. NEW PLAN, WHICH HAS GAINED STRONG SUPPORT IN PENTAGON AND ELSEWHERE IN GOVERNMENT, BURT SAID, CALLS FOR DEPLOYING 200 MX MISSILES, WHICH WOULD BE MOVED AROUND 4,000 EMPTY LAUNCHING SITES IN RANDOM FASHION. "IDEA WOULD BE TO CREATE, IN EFFECT 'SHELL GAME' IN WHICH MOSCOW COULD NOT PINPOINT EXACT LOCATION OF AMERICAN MISSILES AND THUS WOULD PRESUMABLY BE INHIBITED FROM UNDERTAKING FIRST STRIKE," BURT EXPLAINED. DEFENSE SCIENCE BOARD, HE SAID, URGED IN RECENT REPORT THAT ANY NEW ARMS AGREEMENT SHOULD ALLOW NEW SYSTEM. SECRETARY BROWN, WITH BACKING OF STATE DEPARTMENT, IS SAID TO HAVE PRESSED THIS VIEW LAST WEEK AT CABINET-LEVEL MEETING AT WHITE HOUSE, BURT ADDED. "THIS IS STRONGLY RESISTED BY ARMS CONTROL OFFICIALS, WHO ARGUE THAT ANY EFFORT TO CLEAR WAY FOR MOBILE MISSILE MIGHT COMPLICATE ALREADY DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS," BURT REPORTED. BURT SAID TREATY UNDER DISCUSSION WOULD NOT RULE OUT MOBILE MISSILES BUT WOULD PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SILOS. AS RESULT, OFFICIALS HAVE BEGUN TO ARGUE THAT IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO GET MOSCOW'S AGREEMENT TO COUNT PROPOSED MX CANNISTERS AND NOT EMPTY SILOS UNDER AN ACCORD, BURT SAID. "ACDA OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, ARGUE THAT MOSCOW IS UNLIKELY TO AGREE TO SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY OF POLICING IT. 'HOW WOULD THEY BE ABLE TO TELL THAT MOST OF OUR SILOS WERE ACTUALLY EMPTY?' ONE ASKED. OFFICIALS ADD THAT IF MOSCOW OPTED FOR SIMILAR MISSILE-BASING SYSTEM, U.S. WOULD BE FACED WITH SAME PROBLEM OF VERIFICATION."

5. WALTER PINCUS OF WASHINGTON POST SAID DEFENSE DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED TO RECOMMEND THAT WORK BEGIN ON PRODUCTION OF NEW, LOW-YIELD NUCLEAR EIGHT-INCH ARTILLERY SHELLS AND LANCE MISSILE WARHEADS AND SOME, BUT NOT ALL, OF UNCLASSIFIED

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COMPONENTS THAT COULD TURN THEM INTO NEUTRON WARHEADS. QUOTING INFORMED SOURCES, PINCUS SAID DELAY IN FABRICATING SOME NEUTRON ELEMENTS WOULD LEAVE CLEAR DIFFERENTIATION BETWEEN NEWLY DESIGNED TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND CONTROVERSIAL NEUTRON VERSION INTO WHICH THEY COULD EASILY BE TURNED.

6. BILL PETERSON OF WASHINGTON POST REPORTED THAT AMERICANS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION, AT ANNUAL CONVENTION IN WASHINGTON, SAID IT "SADLY AGREES WITH JUDGMENT OF MAJORITY OF AMERICANS THAT SO FAR THINK THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS FAILED TO PRODUCE ON ITS MAJOR PROMISES." ADA SAID BY "LINKING ARMS CONTROL TO QUESTIONABLE AFRICAN ISSUES, ADMINISTRATION IS RISKING SALT TWO FOR COPPER OF ZAIRE."

7. SYNDICATED COLUMNIST JACK ANDERSON, IN WASHINGTON POST, SAID CHINESE LEADERS "HAVE QUIETLY URGED U.S. TO GO AHEAD WITH CONTROVERSIAL NEUTRON WARHEAD. PRESUMABLY, CHINESE WOULD LIKE U.S. TO DEPLOY WARHEAD IN WESTERN EUROPE. THIS WOULD INCREASE MILITARY PRESSURE ON SOVIET UNION'S WESTERN FLANK AND THEREBY REDUCE PRESSURE ON CHINA'S BORDERS.... CHINESE ATTITUDE, MEANWHILE, RAISED SPECULATION INSIDE PENTAGON THAT CHINA MIGHT ATTEMPT TO BUILD ITS OWN NEUTRON WEAPON IN FUTURE. U.S. EXPERTS DON'T THINK CHINA NOW HAS TECHNOLOGY TO PRODUCE NEUTRON WEAPONS. VANCE

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